

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227**

**Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2017**

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The Columbia Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance**

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki, Chris Kritikos and Susan Hughes. The Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Lt. Keith Boeing were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve regular meeting minutes from October 10, special meeting minutes of October 19 and special meeting minutes of November 9, 2017. All present voted to approve.

**Open Forum**

Heather Benton shared her story regarding her 6 year old daughter's history of seizures and treatment with medical marijuana to provide the trustees with context and put an actual "face" on the medical marijuana patients who would benefit from a dispensary.

Les Hemingway expressed his concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan; specifically development around Edith Street.

Stacy Bryant Rose also expressed concern about commercial development as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Lemon clarified in detail that the township is not "rezoning" any residential areas to commercial. Any business that wishes to purchase residential properties would have to go through the process of rezoning to commercial if that is their intention at which point neighbors would be notified and everyone has a chance to offer input.

Sue Ann Pollack was concerned about the drainage and sidewalk upgrades on her side of Cambridge.

Mr. Lemon explained the schedule of upgrades set to take place on her street as well as others.

Jen Wright wished to learn about the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan as well as the valuation of property values.

**Department Reports**

Fire Inspector's Report

Mr. Wendell's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Road Superintendent Report

Mr. Servizzi's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Police Report

Lt. McElroy's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

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**Department Reports (cont.)**

Fiscal Officer Report

Ms. Heekin's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Lemon's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Mr. Lemon shared details regarding several items including the Comprehensive plan which was covered in the Open Forum.

Rumpke was the only company to submit a formal bid for recycling program; however, the township will actually pay less than paid in 2011. Also, HCSWD announced that Columbia Township had the highest capacity recycling rate.

The LMJF&R Merger transition team met to address issues and determined that we can accomplish most goals by end of year.

Mr. Lemon will meet with Jack Sutton regarding the Bike Path Study.

Roe Avenue is concluding this week; there is only a small punch list to finish.

There was a meeting at Good Shepherd regarding public input for the Madison Place Parking Study. There is a survey available on the website. We will finalize the report and notify all of recommendations.

Christmas Banner will be done in two (2) days. Madison Place Festivities will begin December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 with Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m.

LMJF&R Report

Mr. Kubicki reported that there is a meeting tomorrow (11/15/17)

Trustees Report

Ms. Hughes expressed her thanks to everyone for re-electing her and she promised to continue to listen to the citizens and perform her duties ethically and to the best of her ability

Mr. Kritikos extended his congratulations to Mr. Kubicki, Ms. Hughes and Ms. Heekin. Mr. Kritikos also expressed his eagerness to continue working together for the township.

**Communications**

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Golf Manor joins joint fire district of Little Miami" (10/16)
- Cincinnati.com: Article "Sheriff IDs divorced couple dead in Columbia Township murder-suicide (10/18)
- Board of Elections: November 7 Election Results
- Bisnow National: Article "Medical Marijuana's Ohio Real Estate Hunt" (11/7)

**Resolutions**

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Adopting the 2017 Columbia Township Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-30**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Authorizing Payment for Commercial Insurance Package. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution 17-31. All present voted yes.

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**Resolutions (cont.)**

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Sign Necessary Agreements for Commercial Insurance Package. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-32**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Rumpke of Ohio, Incorporated for Waste and Recyclable Collection and Disposal Services; Authorizing the Administrator to Enter into Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Incorporated. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-33**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Assigning Columbia Township's January 1, 2016 Agreement with the Village of Golf Manor, Ohio to the Little Miami Joint Fire and Rescue District for the Purpose of Providing Fire Protection and Prevention, Emergency Medical Service, and Paramedic Service to the Ridge Fire District. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-34**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki provides the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Resolution Reappointing C. Michael Lemon as Township Administrator for Calendar Years 2018 through 2019 and Authorizing the Township Administrator's Terms of Appointment.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Tethering Animals. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-35**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Resolution Medical Marijuana. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-36**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading Resolution Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Tall Grass, Weeds and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 5318 Ellmarie Drive, Dispensing with the Second Reading, and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the Resolution **17-37**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the emergency clause. All voted yes.

**Old Business** – No old business is discussed

**New Business** – No new business is discussed

**Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for October, 2017. All present voted to approve.

**Announcements** – Mr. Kubicki reminded everyone about the December 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Lighting. Ms. Hughes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes

Date

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David Kubicki

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Chris Kritikos

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Caroline Heekin

Date